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REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a [x] Continuation, [] Divisional, [] Continuation-in-Part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/124,002, filed on July 29, 1998, entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENSURING AND MANAGING SITUATION AWARENESS**, by the following named inventor(s): Michael D. Ladwig

[X] I hereby state that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application.

2. Oath or Declaration

a. [] Newly executed (original or copy)
b. [x] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
i. [] Deletion of inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

3. [x] Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

4. [x] Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. [x] Cancel claims 3, 9-13, 21 and 25.

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	21	MINUS 20	1	x \$18 =	\$18.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3	1	x \$84 =	84.00
Basic Application Fee					740.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					
Total Application Fee					842.00
Subtract 1/2 if small entity					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$842.00
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO CREDIT CARD (FORM ATTACHED)					\$842.00

7a. [] Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

7b. [] A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

8. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/124,002 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

9. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/124,002 filed July 29, 1998.--

10. [] Priority of Application Serial No. filed on , in is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. on .

11. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to
Northrop Grumman Corporation

12. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
LOWE HAUPTMAN GOPSTEIN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP now
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13. [] Also enclosed:

pages of drawings.

14. [] A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until .

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

Respectfully submitted,

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